

I am appalled that FCC Chairman Michael Powell believes that diversity within the broadcast medium will be preserved if current restrictions are relaxed in the upcoming vote on June 2. All one has to do is look at the fallout from the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to see that past action which favors big business has led to less voices and more consolidation. The fact that Powell says that it's difficult for radio stations to make money when they're a "one-note station" shows why this is being done... not for the public interest but for the almighty dollar and big business. Even conservatives like Laura Ingram have said there is nothing conservative in the concentration of ownership. The FCC was created to keep watch over the public trust that is television and radio. The fact that they are throwing it all away for the sake of greedy ownership shows that they have betrayed the American people. I commend Commissioners Jonathan Adelstein and Michael Copps for trying to reason with Michael Powell. Too bad he is out for his own agenda. Too bad for the American people.